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SANITARY REPORTS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

AUSTRIA.

Confirming report of a case of plague in Trieste.

TRIESTE, November 15, 1899.

SIR: Last night I cabled to the Department as follows: "SECRETARY OF STATE, *Washington*.—17014 (plague)—HOSSFELD."

I now have the honor to make the following supplementary statement: On the 28th ultimo the Turkish steamer *Polis Metiline* arrived here with a sick seaman on board, who on the 31st ultimo was sent to the city hospital for treatment. The patient's symptoms soon satisfied the attending physicians that his disease was infectious, and he was transferred to one of the isolated pest pavilions near the hospital, where he died on the 4th instant.

The post-mortem examination, conducted by an expert bacteriologist, has left no doubt that the case was one of bubonic plague. It is even stated that this is not the only case of plague that has occurred at Trieste, but it would probably be difficult to prove it.

There is no doubt that the health authorities recognize the gravity of the situation and are doing everything in their power to prevent the spreading of the disease.

Two ships have left this port since the beginning of the present month, viz, the British steamer *Pawnee*, on the 7th instant, and the Austro-Hungarian steamer *Abbazia* on the 11th instant. However, as these vessels seldom make the voyage to the United States in less than from thirty to forty days, I have not deemed it necessary to report their departure by cable.

Respectfully,

FREDK. W. HOSSFELD,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

CUBA.

Changes of medical officers on quarantine duty in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 6, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, informing this Department that in accordance with Executive order dated January 17, 1899, relating to the detail of medical officers of the Marine-Hospital Service to serve as quarantine officers in Cuban and Porto Rican ports, Act. Asst. Surg. Owen W. Stone has been detailed as quarantine officer at Nuevitas, Cuba, vice Asst. Surg. T. F. Richardson, relieved, and Act. Asst. Surg. J. M. Lindsley has been detailed as quarantine officer at Cienfuegos, Cuba, vice Asst. Surg. S. B. Grubbs, relieved.

Respectfully,

G. D. MEIKLEJOHN,
Assistant Secretary of War.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Tunas de Zaza, Casilda, Santa Cruz, and Jucaro.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, December 4, 1899.

SIRS: I have the honor to report that during the week ended December 2, 21 deaths have occurred in this city, 4 from malaria, 3 from intestinal diseases, and 2 from tuberculosis; no contagious diseases reported.